

REPORTS OF
WILLIAMSBURG
TOWN OFFICERS

For the Year Ending

January 1, 1916

1915

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Williamsburg

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 1, 1916

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WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

1916

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To elect three Selectmen who shall be Overseers of the Poor, one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, one Elector under the Will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq., one Tax Collector, two Constables, two Auditors, and one Tree Warden, all for one year. Also one Assessor, one Water Commissioner, one Sinking Fund Commissioner, one Library Trustee, and one School Committee, all for three years. Also to vote on the question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" Yes or no, all on one ballot. Also one Moderator for one year.

ART. 3.—To choose all necessary minor Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day and choose a committee to expend the same.

ART. 5.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintaining street lights.

ART. 6.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for oiling its Macadem Roads.

ART. 7.—To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the current expenses of the Town.

ART. 8.—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

ART. 9.—To hear the report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, School and other committees, and act thereon.

ART. 10.—To hear the report of the Water Commissioners and act thereon.

ART. 11.—To fix the amount of the salary of the Tax Collector.

ART. 12.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of School Physicians.

ART. 13.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the protection of its public shade trees.

ART. 14.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for repairing sidewalks.

ART. 15.—To see what action the Town will take relative to fire insurance on all its public buildings.

ART. 16.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money in accordance with Chapter 707 of the Acts of 1914.

ART. 17.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the building of sidewalks under Section 43, Chapter 49, Revised Laws.

ART. 18.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the building of a sidewalk on Edwards Street in the village of Haydenville.

ART. 19.—To see if the Town will vote to have the street lights on mornings during the winter months and make an appropriation for same.

ART. 20.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of grading and macademizing that portion of South Main Street in Haydenville village from the corner of Bridge Street to the top of the hill or to the town line.

ART. 21.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the laying of a cement walk from Kingsley Avenue to the chapel steps of the Congregational Church in Haydenville village.

ART. 22.—To see if the Town will accept Chapter 49, Section 43, of the Revised Laws.

ART. 23.—To see what action the Town will take to raise and appropriate \$150.00 for the George Washington Memorial Building at Washington, D. C.

ART. 24.—To see if the Town will vote to allow the Town Hall to be used for Basket Ball.

ART. 25.—To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 284, Laws of 1915.

Selectmen's Report

To the Citizens of Williamsburg:—

Your Selectmen herewith present their report for the year ending December 31, 1915.

Your Selectmen were unable to keep within the appropriation for the Highways owing to washouts caused by heavy rains and the building of a concrete bridge on Valley View Avenue in Williamsburg at the cost of \$436.77 and painting the three railway bridges at a cost of \$254.05. In the Poor Department, our out of town demands were large and under Act 763 the Town expended \$928.25 and was reimbursed to the amount of \$277.07 by the State. There was no appropriation. This was taken from the Poor Account.

APPROPRIATIONS 1915.

Memorial Day,	\$50 00
Hampshire County Farm Bureau,	50 00
School Physician	100 00
Schools,	6,000 00
Superintendent,	375 00
Text Books and Supplies,	450 00
General Repairs,	225 00
Fuel,	700 00
Janitor Service,	500 00
Transportation,	250 00

Highways,	\$1,550 00
Contingent,	1,100 00
Pauper Account,	1,400 00
Soldier's Relief,	75 00
Fire Department,	200 00
Interest,	1,000 00
Sinking Fund,	1,000 00
Library,	200 00
Band Concerts,	75 00
Mountain Street Cemetery,	75 00
Public Shade Trees,	200 00
Street Lights,	1,800 00
Sidewalks,	500 00
Hydrants and Water tanks,	500 00
Repairing Cone Bridge,	1,500 00
Insurance,	212 00
School Site Loans,	2,350 00
Vaughn Loan,	500 00
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	\$22,937 00

HIGHWAYS.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

C. S. Damon,	John O'Neil,
H. H. Nichols,	G. H. Thresher,
F. A. Shumway,	J. E. Graves,
F. E. Sanderson,	W. H. Warner.
Paid W. D. Weeks, labor,	\$3 75
H. H. Nichols, labor,	98 46
John Kenny, labor,	1 00
John O'Brien, labor,	8 37
Thomas Vaughn, labor,	77 88
E. P. Hemenway, labor,	92 60
R. G. Bradford, labor,	58 50
Earl Shumway, labor,	6 00

Paid Harry Warner, labor,	\$56 00
E. J. Knox, labor,	102 63
G. A. Thresher, labor,	198 33
H. E. Bradford, labor,	29 08
M. Waller, labor,	1 76
C. Merritt, labor,	181 50
Fred Shumway, labor and gravel,	210 85
F. Merritt, labor,	62 55
A. Bartofsky, labor,	44 25
J. J. Handfield, labor and gravel,	7 50
Horatio Bisbee, cement,	67 38
Wells Bisbee, labor,	54 57
Fred Nichols, labor,	8 00
D. C. Atherton, labor,	18 00
Michael Mansfield, labor,	10 00
Joseph Kelly, labor,	3 50
S. A. Clark, labor,	4 00
L. A. Alexander, labor,	3 00
M. N. Adams, labor,	22 50
James Loud, labor,	7 00
John Molloy, labor,	13 25
James D. Murphy, labor,	19 88
P. J. Grace, labor,	19 75
Earl Lawton, labor,	4 00
A. E. Lawton, labor,	9 00
J. A. Bregnet, supplies,	5 25
L. J. Stevens, labor,	1 37
T. J. Breckenridge, coal,	4 50
F. W. Thayer, supplies,	7 96
R. D. Ames, labor,	1 12
D. E. Clary, labor,	6 00
William Chadwick, supplies,	11 35
John L. Brown, labor,	1 25
Timothy Higgins, labor,	17 56
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., Demur- rage on oil,	17 00

Paid Laurence Johnson, labor,	\$8 00
Joseph Hachey, labor,	4 00
Arthur Beckwith, labor,	2 00
John Riley, labor,	10 38
Foster-Farrar Co., supplies,	14 46
John Geezer, labor,	16 38
P. J. Murphy, labor,	16 25
Charles Patch, labor,	1 50
G. H. Bisbee, labor,	13 00
Fred Guilford, labor,	6 62
Charles Dadman, labor,	1 87
John O'Neil, labor,	12 00
C. S. Damon, Posts, Railing and gravel,	12 40
T. W. Meekins, gravel,	6 30
L. H. Cranson, labor,	60 41
Thomas Dolan, labor,	13 75
Ernest Guilford, labor,	2 86
A. D. Wolcott, taking boiler to Smith's Ferry,	10 00
Northampton Street R. R. Co., painting bridge,	254 05
A. LeFleur, labor,	11 75
William Warner, labor and supplies,	39 54
W. H. Leonard, labor,	87 00
H. G. Hill Co., labor,	50 15
W. Clark, labor,	10 75
C. S. Damon, labor,	140 20
G. H. Elliott, labor,	53 25
George Rood, labor,	154 39
Mark Walpole, labor,	40 50
Dennis Brazill, labor,	54 25
W. H. Harris, labor,	36 25
F. Benoit, labor,	28 00
Clyde Nichols, labor,	3 00

Paid T. Culver, labor,	\$3 37
F. Loomer, labor,	80 00
New England Road Machine Co., blades for Road Machine,	17 00
Arthur T. Pease, damage to auto on Searsville Road, April 13, 1915,	8 55
J. E. Graves, labor,	151 01
Michael Shea, labor,	27 63
C. R. Damon, labor and gravel,	73 00
Charles Wade, labor,	86 63
Mrs. H. N. Hinds, gravel,	29 80
Robert Rice, labor,	35 38
L. M. Shumway, labor,	86 76
John Wade, labor,	73 75
W. E. Pillinger, labor,	18 07
Edward Loomis, labor,	2 00
Phillip Burdo, labor,	58 38
G. H. Warner, labor,	19 23
J. B. Welch, labor,	41 25
Peter Coyer, labor,	27 25
William Welch, labor,	43 88
F. E. Sanderson, labor,	210 45
Byron Loomis, labor,	65 25
A. J. Tilton, labor,	77 06
Robert Mather, labor,	3 50
R. Warner, labor,	6 00
A. Damon, labor,	8 00
B. L. Dobbs, labor,	16 00
R. F. Burke, supplies,	30 00
C. R. Damon, plank,	219 48
Victor Bickford, labor,	30 25
W. H. Nash, labor,	14 25
Richard Dunphy,	18 00
C. P. Otis, labor,	14 00
D. E. Clary, labor,	52 25

Paid Bradford Lumber Co., lumber,	\$58 71	
W. F. Miller, labor,	2 50	
A. E. Everett, labor,	25 30	
James Dunn, labor,	8 00	
Ernest Browe, labor,	10 75	
Edward Foran, labor,	8 00	
E. Cyrus Miller, labor,	2 13	
Fred Vining, labor,	3 30	
W. J. Sheehan, supplies,	2 55	
	<hr/>	\$4,530 12

STATE ROAD.

Paid C. S. Damon, labor,	\$79 36
H. H. Nichols, labor,	40 32
G. E. Elliott, labor,	29 00
Dennis Brazil, labor,	31 50
Thomas Vaughn, labor,	34 50
Frank Loomer, labor,	29 75
Michael Shea, labor,	26 50
W. H. Leonard, labor,	26 50
J. B. Welch, labor,	32 50
William Welch, labor,	27 00
Peter Coyer, labor,	33 00
Mrs. Helen N. Hinds, gravel,	54 70
Joseph Hachy, labor,	2 00
Thomas Dolan, labor,	7 38
Adelbert LeFleur, labor,	3 50
Arthur Beckwith, labor,	5 00
Louis Welch, labor,	5 00
A. Bartofsky, labor,	1 50
James Stone, labor,	7 87
G. A. Thresher, labor,	75 37
Mark Walpole, labor,	55 12
H. G. Hill Co., labor,	41 62
F. E. Sanderson, labor,	59 62
R. G. Bradford, labor,	62 99

Paid A. J. Tilton, labor,	\$56 81	
C. R. Damon, labor and gravel,	42 55	
J. H. Graham, labor,	30 37	
C. O'Brien, labor,	29 00	
Fred Benoit, labor,	6 00	
W. H. Thayer, labor,	2 75	
W. M. Harris, labor,	7 50	
Richard Dunphy, labor,	4 00	
Fred Guilford, labor,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$952 08
Total,		<hr/> \$5,482 20

AVAILABLE FOR HIGHWAY.

Appropriation,	\$1,550 00	
Street Railway Excise Tax,	585 04	
Street Railway Franchise Tax,	1,094 44	
Received from State Highway Com- mission,	851 36	
	<hr/>	\$4,080 84

CONCRETE BRIDGE.

Paid C. S. Damon, labor,	\$34 40	
H. H. Nichols, labor,	17 19	
W. H. Leonard, labor,	9 50	
Thomas Vaughan, labor,	10 00	
Dennis Brazil, labor,	8 75	
Frank Loomer, labor,	10 00	
A. Bartofsky, labor,	16 62	
V. Bickford, labor,	14 87	
G. H. Elliott, labor,	8 75	
W. H. Nash, labor,	4 25	
H. Bisbee, labor,	12 00	
William Chadwick, labor,	9 09	
	<hr/>	\$155 42
Reimbursed by State, \$221.65.		

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Under the provisions of Chapter 412 of the Acts of the year 1910 the expense of the poor for the past year has been as follows:—

Total amount expended for Pauper Aid,	\$2,327 75
Total amount expended under Act 763,	928 25
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	\$3,256 00

AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

Appropriation,	\$1,400 00
Received from other towns,	135 99
individuals,	143 25
State, under Chap-	
ter 763,	277 07
from Trustees of	
Joy Hospital,	349 29
State,	49 14
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	\$2,354 74
Due from State under Act 763,	\$52 23
Due from City of Boston,	10 38
Due from State for State Poor,	69 56
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	\$2,486 91

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS.

Paid C. H. Wheeler, M. D.,	\$52 25	
J. G. Hayes, M. D.,	49 50	
	<hr/>	\$101 75
Appropriation, \$100.00.		

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid George Cheny,	\$68 00
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AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

Appropriation, \$75.00.

ALMONERS OF THE WHITING STREET FUND.

Amount received, 1915,	\$270 00	
Balance from last report,	277 03	
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Paid 5 beneficiaries each,	\$10 00	
2 beneficiaries,	15 00	
5 beneficiaries,	5 00	
1 beneficiary,	20 00	
1 beneficiary,	9 00	
1 beneficiary,	17 69	
1 beneficiary,	12 00	
1 beneficiary,	16 00	
1 beneficiary,	6 91	
	<hr/>	\$186 60
Balance on hand,		\$360 43

FARM BUREAU.

Paid out,	\$50 00
Appropriation, \$50.00.	

MOUNTAIN STREET CEMETERY.

Paid Charles Warner, Building fence around cemetery,	\$64 24
Appropriation, \$75.00.	

INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS.

Paid W. M. Purrington, insurance,	\$212 50
Appropriation, \$212.50.	

MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid A. D. Bailey,	\$50 00
Appropriation, \$50.00.	

SPRAYING.

Paid John E. Pierpont, spraying trees,	\$111 42
Appropriation, \$200.00	

HAYDENVILLE BAND.

Paid Haydenville Band,	\$75 00
Appropriation, \$75.00.	

SIDEWALKS.

Total amount expended,	\$26 40
Appropriation, \$500.00.	

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Mill River Electric Light Co., for electric current and meter charge for Williamsburg and Haydenville Engine Houses,	\$18 00	
Byron Loomis, wood,	3 50	
T. P. Larkin, supplies,	48	
	<hr/>	\$21 98
Appropriation, \$200.00.		

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Mill River Electric Light Co., for electric current,	\$1,755 00	
Paid for lamps,	46 40	
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Appropriation, \$1,800.00.		

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

Paid Laurence Molloy, Sundries,	\$16 09
Haydenville Fire Dept., Services,	64 00
H. H. Nichols, Meat Inspection,	75 75
H. H. Nichols, Expenses,	6 66
Walter H. Thayer, Auditor,	5 00
T. P. Larkin, Auditor,	5 00
Walter H. Thayer, Ballot Clerk,	10 00
James F. Dunn, Ballot Clerk,	10 00
W. H. Leonard, Ballot Clerk,	7 00
John L. Mather, Ballot Clerk,	7 00
John J. Trainor, Ballot Clerk,	10 00
M. J. Mullaly, Ballot Clerk,	3 50
C. W. Warner, Ballot Clerk,	10 00
M. T. Cook, Ballot Clerk,	10 00
F. A. Brooks, Cartage,	1 40
John Quinn, Labor,	11 70
F. A. Brooks, Moderator,	3 50
Donald Nash, Labor,	1 00
Laurence Molloy, Auto Hire,	1 50
C. S. Damon, Expenses,	5 26
W. M. Purrington, Bonds for Tax Collector and Sinking Fund Commissioner,	23 00
J. W. Nash, Elector,	10 00
N. H. Damon, Labor,	4 50
J. A. Breckenridge, Inspecting cattle,	9 00
New England Telephone Co., Telephone for L. Braman and Orange Hill,	24 15
Boston Nickel Plating Co., Iron Weights,	5 70
G. M. Bradford, Wood,	1 75
C. H. Chase, Supplies,	5 10
A. B. Brownell, Supplies,	8 80

Paid E. W. Goodhue, Expenses to	
Boston,	\$8 60
Byron Loomis, Auto Hire,	8 00
W. S. Gabb, Auto Hire,	2 50
Hobbs & Warren, Supplies,	5 31
Laurence Molloy, Milk Inspector,	5 20
Henry W. Hill, Warden,	6 50
Thomas Lenihan, Ballot Clerk,	6 50
T. I. Breckenridge, Coal,	4 00
Laurence Molloy, Warden,	6 50
John L. Brown, Forest Fire	
Warden,	20 02
Phillip Brown, Ballot Clerk,	3 50
C. H. Wheeler, Ballot Clerk,	3 50
E. Cyrus Miller, Ballot Clerk,	3 50
George Dolan, Ballot Clerk,	3 50
J. G. Hayes, Fumigating,	3 00
R. F. Burke, Supplies,	7 77
Herald Job Print, Supplies,	4 00
Laurence Molloy, Chairman of	
Selectmen and Overseer of	
Poor,	125 00
C. S. Damon, Selectman,	100 00
H. H. Nichols, Selectman,	100 00
George H. Warner, School	
Committee,	75 00
H. E. Bradford, Water Com-	
missioner,	50 00
C. A. Ball, painting and re-	
pairing Town Hall roof,	25 00
H. E. Bradford, Cartage,	1 10
M. E. Riley, Registrar,	10 00
S. E. Burke, Registrar,	10 00
Wells Bisbee, Registrar,	10 00
Henry W. Hill, Registrar,	12 00
Williamsburg Fire Depart-	
ment, Services,	83 09

Paid R. F. Burke, Stamped envelopes,	\$32 32
F. A. Brooks, Auto Hire,	3 00
P. J. Murphy, Hoes and sprink- ling cans,	3 70
George Tennyson, Special Police,	5 00
James Dunn, Special Police,	12 50
John J. Trainor, Special Police,	2 00
G. H. Thresher, Special Police,	5 00
C. R. Damon, Expenses to Boston,	7 40
Gazette Printing Co., Printing,	88 00
Laurence Molloy, Special Police,	6 00
H. H. Nichols, Assessor,	40 00
C. F. Bagnall, Birth Certificates,	1 97
H. A. Smith, School Committee,	75 00
C. S. Damon, Assessor,	55 00
H. P. Goddard, School Committee,	75 00
Orange Hill, Special Police,	100 00
C. S. Damon, Sundries,	4 65
W. M. Purrington, Insurance,	7 50
Haydenville Company, Supplies,	1 56
W. M. Purrington, Lamps for town clock,	3 80
Henry W. Hill, Town Clerk and Treasurer,	175 00
Henry W. Hill, Recording Births, Deaths and Marriages,	38 90
Henry W. Hill, Birth and Death Returns,	18 25
Henry A. Bisbee, Services as Constable,	81 50
Henry A. Bisbee, Janitor,	42 35
Henry W. Hill, Sundries,	4 75
C. R. Damon, Assessor,	40 00
Henry W. Hill, Certification of Town Notes, -	4 00
District Court Fees,	206 24

 \$2,199 84

AVAILABLE FOR CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,	\$1,100 00	
National Bank Tax,	651 09	
Corporation Tax,	318 85	
Sundry Licenses,	47 00	
District Court Fines,	165 00	
Rent of Town Hall,	34 00	
Compensation of Inspection of Animals,	4 50	
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Report of Sinking Fund Commissioners

February 17, 1916

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1915.

Feb. 20.	Cash,	\$250 32	
	Interest,	12 70	
	Coupons,	520 00	
	From Town Treasurer,	1,000 00	
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Paid Haydenville Savings Bank one			
	Williamsburg Bond,	\$1,050 00	
	Accrued interest,	5 80	
	Balance of cash,	727 22	
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TOTAL ASSETS.

Fourteen Bonds, Williamsburg,	\$14,000 00
Cash in Haydenville Savings Bank,	727 22
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	\$14,727 22

Signed, HENRY W. GRAVES,

BYRON LOOMIS,

Commissioners.

Assessors' Report

Total Valuation of Assessed Estate,	\$1,202,490 00
Value of Assessed Real Estate,	905,491 00
Value of Assessed Personal Estate,	296,999 00
	\$1,202,490 00

Value of Assessed Buildings,	\$602,255 00
Value of Assessed Land,	303,236 00
	\$905,491 00

No. of polls assessed,	627
No. of residents assessed on property,	356
All others (corporations, etc.),	39
No. of non-residents assessed on property,	64
All others,	23
No. of persons assessed on property,	482
No. of persons assessed on poll tax only,	378
Rate total tax per thousand,	\$22 00
No. of horses assessed,	257
No. of cows assessed,	367
No. of neat cattle assessed,	207
No. of sheep assessed,	35
No. of swine assessed,	67
No. of fowls assessed,	2,192
No. of dwelling houses assessed,	425

State tax,	\$3,022 50	
State Highway tax,	243 64	
County tax,	2,683 03	
Town grant,	21,437 50	
Overlayings,	322 09	
	<hr/>	\$27,708 76
Northampton Street Railway Excise Tax,		\$585 04
Bank and Corporation Tax,		969 94

VALUE OF PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

Literary Institutions,	\$67,500 00	
Church Property,	53,900 00	
Petticoat Hill Park,	1,500 00	
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Estimated value of Public Buildings,		
Water Works, Fire Apparatus, and		
Sinking Fund,		\$134,000 00

Respectfully submitted,
 CHARLES S. DAMON,
 HALLECK H. NICHOLS,
 CHARLES R. DAMON.

Report of Library Trustees

The Trustees of the Haydenville Village Library beg to submit the following report:

Number of patrons of Library 155. Number of withdrawals during the past year about 7,000. 180 new books added to library. 143 books rebound and placed in circulation. 2,538 books now on the shelves for circulation.

As in the past we have endeavored by the judicious selection of books to maintain, if not improve, the general character of the books contained in this Library.

As current fiction is in the greatest demand, and as but a relatively small part of that fiction is of the highest class, some books that are somewhat ordinary in character have to be admitted. However, every reasonable care is used to keep out of this collection anything that might have a vicious influence. A number of Polish and Greek books have been added which appear to be appreciated by the people of these countries.

It may be of interest to note that we are one of about 400 free public libraries in our Commonwealth represented by about 5,250,000 books, having a value of some \$7,000,000. It is doubtful if any other state in the country can approximate any such record as this.

It may be added that there are 228 free reading rooms in connection with these libraries. If our building were

suitable for such it would be a most desirable addition to our library work.

Signed, GEORGE M. PAGE,
THOMAS H. IVES,
E. CYRUS MILLER,
Trustees.

The financial report is as follows :

Town Appropriation, \$200.00.

Paid Mill River Electric Light Co.,	\$3 60	
Bridgman & Lyman, books,	43 30	
H. R. Hunting Co., books,	48 22	
Dodd Mead & Co., books,	3 70	
Herald Job Print,	4 00	
Bradford Lumber Co., wood,	3 00	
Harpers Bros., books,	18 50	
F. J. Barnard Co., books,	56 50	
Librarian's services,	30 00	
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Water Commissioners' Report

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash on hand last report,	\$366 89	
Received for water rents,	2,881 40	
service connections,	44 00	
from town for hydrants		
and water tanks,	500 00	
for iron pipe,	2 80	
old metal,	1 56	
interest on deposits,	25 40	
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid R. F. Burke, supplies,	\$18 08
Norwood Engineering Co., for	
repairing hydrants,	27 80
Mary L. Carter, collecting	
water rents,	5 00
J. W. Hill, sundry bills,	9 37
Thayer Manufacturing Co.,	60
F. A. Brooks, express,	1 70
The Haydenville Co., supplies,	50 92
B. L. Dobbs, plumbing,	4 00
H. E. Bradford, sundry bills,	33 85
Metcalf & Co., printing,	5 50
Bingham & Taylor, curb boxes,	9 58
Henry R. Worthington, meters,	23 80
The Haydenville Co., repairs	
on Edson pump,	43 85

Paid H. S. Gere & Sons, advertising,	\$3 00
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R., rent of crossing for water pipe,	1 00
Gazette Printing Co.,	6 10
George A. Thresher, care of reservoirs one year,	35 00
Bradford Lumber Co., plank,	2 10
P. J. Murphy, sundry bills, labor, plumbing, etc.,	108 30
George A. Thresher, labor and supplies,	21 82
Wesley Clark, labor,	4 75
Walter Smith, labor,	1 25
Warner H. Nash, labor,	8 00
F. P. Crosby, labor,	2 00
C. H. Church, labor,	2 00
Lewis Stephens, labor,	4 00
W. H. Hayden, labor,	4 00
S. A. Clark, labor,	7 75
R. D. Ames, labor with team,	18 00
Leroy Watling, labor,	4 25
Albert Allaire, labor,	9 00
John Walsh, labor,	4 25
John Molloy, labor,	28 50
Herbert Cheney, labor,	8 00
S. S. Clark, labor,	6 00
H. W. Graves, labor,	4 00
Albert Nichols, labor,	2 00
C. M. Porter, labor,	2 00
Charles O'Brien, labor,	8 00
Henry Welch, labor,	5 00
John Burke, labor,	12 15
James O'Brien, labor,	17 25
W. H. Harris, labor,	4 00
H. W. Hill, Treasurer,	2,500 00
Balance cash on hand,	742 53
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Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report,	\$2,466 79
Received from Tax Levy of 1913,	1,467 56
Tax Levy of 1914,	3,093 52
Tax Levy of 1915,	20,816 74
Income Collins School Fund,	820 80
Income State School Fund,	1,154 37
Income Whiting Street Fund,	270 00
Temporary Loans,	23,000 00
State Highway Commission,	1,073 01
Refund of Dog Tax,	139 76
Tuition of State Wards,	452 58
Tuition City of Boston Wards,	279 81
From State for High School,	500 00
State, for Supt. of Schools Fund,	350 00
State, for Teachers,	275 00
State, for Industrial School Acct.,	433 33
State, for Corporation Tax,	318 85
State, for National Bank Tax,	651 09
State, for Reimbursement State Aid,	636 00
State, for Reimbursement Tax losses,	9 46
State, Compensation Inspection of animals,	4 50
Street Railway Excise Tax,	585 04
Street Railway Franchise Tax,	1,094 44
State, for aiding mothers with dependent children,	277 07

From Trustees of Joy Hospital,	\$349 29
State, for Burial of Indigent	
Soldiers,	50 00
District Court Fines,	165 00
Individual for Pauper Account,	143 25
State for Pauper Account,	49 14
Town of Warren for Pauper Acct.,	87 41
Town of Deerfield, Pauper Acct.,	24 81
Town of Adams, Pauper Acct.,	7 50
Town of Hadley, Pauper Acct.,	26 27
Town of Whately, Tuition,	42 50
Town of Chesterfield, Tuition,	160 00
Town of Chesterfield, School	
Supplies,	6 30
Town of Worthington, Tuition,	17 50
Town of Goshen, Tuition,	45 00
Tuition in night school,	34 15
Water Department,	2,500 00
Sale of Bridge Plank,	1 00
Sale of grass, School House lot	
land,	5 00
Rent of School House land,	5 00
Sale of old iron,	13 05
Rent of Town Hall,	34 00
Use of School Hall,	3 95
Sundry Licenses,	47 00
Grange, rent of School House,	35 00
E. W. Goodhue,	2 15
Interest on Deposits,	161 88
Interest on Taxes,	215 02
	<hr/> \$64,400 89

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State Tax,	\$3,022 50
County Tax,	2,683 03
Temporary Loans,	16,500 00

Paid On Vaughn Note, in full,	\$500 00	
School Site Loans,	2,800 00	
Concrete Bridge Loan,	250 00	
Orders of School Committee,	12,837 47	
Selectmen, Pauper Acct.,	2,327 75	
Highways and Bridges,	4,530 12	
State Road Construction,	952 08	
Concrete Bridge, Goshen		
Road,	155 42	
Contingent Acct.,	2,199 84	
Street Lights,	1,801 40	
Fire Department,	21 98	
School Physician,	101 75	
Library,	210 82	
Spraying Trees,	111 42	
Mothers' Pension Act,	928 25	
Whiting Street Fund,	186 60	
Sidewalks,	26 40	
Haydenville Band,	75 00	
Insurance,	212 50	
Hampshire Co. Farm Bureau,	50 00	
Fence, Mountain St. Cemetery,	64 24	
Cone Bridge,	194 41	
Hydrants and Water Tanks,	500 00	
Soldiers' Relief,	68 00	
Smith Industrial School Tuition,	1,022 22	
Interest on Water Bonds,	2,000 00	
Interest on Loans,	1,175 73	
Sinking Fund Commissioners,	1,000 00	
Burial Indigent Soldier,	50 00	
Repairs on State Highway,	243 64	
Memorial Day Committee,	50 00	
State Aid,	518 00	
Balance in Treasury,	5,030 32	
		<hr/> \$64,400 89

INCOME FROM COLLINS SCHOOL FUND.

Dividend on 20 shares of Northampton		
National Bank Stock,	\$200 00	
Dividend on 20 shares Hampshire Co.		
National Bank Stock,	100 00	
Dividend on 20 shares Mechanic Nation-		
al Bank Stock,	120 00	
Dividend on 21 shares First National		
Bank of Greenfield,	189 00	
Dividend on 21 shares First National		
Bank of Northampton,	147 00	
Interest at Haydenville Savings Bank,	64 80	
	<hr/>	\$820 80

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid Haydenville Savings Bank,	\$1,050 70	
Trustees Meekins Library,	125 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,175 70

AVAILABLE FOR INTEREST.

Appropriation,	\$1,000 00	
Received Interest on Deposits,	161 88	
Received Interest on Taxes,	215 02	
	<hr/>	\$1,376 90

STATEMENT OF WATER DEBT.

Water Bonds,	\$50,000 00	
Less Sinking Fund,	14,727 00	
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Balance,	\$35,273 00	

TOWN ASSETS.

Balance in Treasury,	\$5,030 32	
Due on Tax Levy, 1913,	441 63	
Due on Tax Levy, 1914,	2,649 28	
Due on Tax Levy, 1915,	6,892 03	
Due on State Aid Acct.,	518 00	
Sinking Fund,	14,727 00	
Balance,	40,291 74	
	<hr/>	\$70,550 00

LIABILITIES.

Due J. R. Mansfield,	\$400 00	
Due Haydenville Savings Bank		
Tax Loan,	13,000 00	
Due Haydenville Savings Bank,		
School Site Loan,	4,900 00	
Due Meekins Library Trustees,		
Bridge Loan,	2,250 00	
Water Bonds,	50,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$70,550 00

TEMPORARY LOAN ACCOUNT.

Balance from last year,	\$6,500 00	
March 16. Temporary Loan		
H. S. B.,	15,000 00	
Aug. 18. Temporary Loan H. S. B.,	8,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$29,500 00
March 31. Paid H. S. B., balance		
1914 Loan,	\$6,500 00	
Feb. 27. Paid H. S. B. on 1915		
Loan,	10,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$16,500 00
Outstanding on Tax Loan of 1915,	\$13,000 00	
Other Notes outstanding, Bridge Loan,	2,250 00	
Other Notes outstanding, School Site Loan,	4,900 00	

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Agnes M. Adams,	\$24 00	
Geo. H. Ames,	72 00	
Ellen Ames,	48 00	
Egesta S. Black,	8 00	
Henry A. Bisbee,	48 00	
Warren A. Flagg,	48 00	
Henry H. Hitchcock,	48 00	
Henry S. Leonard,	48 00	
Jane Richardson,	48 00	
Olive Warner,	48 00	
Annie M. Rice,	48 00	
Emerett Beckwith,	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$518 00
Paid month of January, 1915,	\$52 00	
February,	52 00	
March,	48 00	
April,	48 00	
May,	48 00	
June,	42 00	
July,	38 00	
August,	38 00	
September,	38 00	
October,	38 00	
November,	38 00	
December,	38 00	
	<hr/>	\$518 00

STATEMENT OF DOG LICENSES.

88 males at \$2.00 each,	\$176 00	
3 females at \$5.00 each,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$191 00
Less fees,		18 20
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Paid County Treasurer,		\$172 80

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY W. HILL, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT.

Williamsburg, Mass., Feb. 17, 1916.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Water Commissioners, Library Fund Commissioners and School Committee and found them correct and properly vouched for to the best of our knowledge and belief.

G. M. BRADFORD,

T. P. LARKIN.

Town Clerk's Report

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1915.

1915

January	14.	Austin Dallas Snow.
	29.	Henry Antoz.
February	4.	Wladislava Drazasz.
	4.	Mary Paul.
	14.	Bronislaus Ratinski.
March	3.	William Molloy.
	7.	William Viestat.
	13.	Russell Sereno Clark.
	20.	Anastasia Kostec.
	31.	Slater.
April	1.	Bronislava Mysorski.
	7.	Bronslava Kovlowsky.
	16.	Eva Garrett.
	26.	Coville.
	29.	Gladys Garrett.
	30.	Beatrice Eva Robarge.
May	3.	Chesloef Jablouski.
	10.	Joseph William Gingrass.
	17.	Bronislof Solowada.
	19.	Peterson.
	29.	Harvey Joseph Duplin.

June	7.	Jeannette Vera Laflamme.
	20.	Walter Joseph Raphael Duplisse.
	20.	Helen Mary Cumm.
	28.	Vadislav Bednarz.
	29.	Vladislava Mathusiewicz.
July	6.	Joseph Batura.
	7.	Thomas Michaelowski.
	16.	Smiley.
	19.	Mary Samos.
	23.	Antony Bai.
August	1.	Edith May Sear.
	1.	George Demetrios.
	2.	Joseph Shebek.
	16.	Gertrude Marion Heath.
	18.	Ruth Mathers.
	25.	Francis* Stephen Malec.
September	12.	Wladislav Steffoin.
	28.	Herbert Andrew Graham.
October	1.	Bisaillon.
	12.	Bronislaw Demerski.
	24.	Wadislav Kovolski.
	26.	Catherine Marguerite Grace.
November	6.	Teresa Marynowski.
	8.	Chester Russell Johnson.
	14.	Juvineta Susan Black.
December	4.	Wesley Arthur Waite.
	9.	Murceslave Maciora.
	9.	Amelia Czwakiel.
	21.	Barbara Leda Robarge.
	21.	Helen May Blakeslee.
	28.	Regina Ganlish.
	28.	Papageorge.
	28.	Wilfred Francis Allaire.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1915.

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| January | 9. | Perley D. Tower, Hartford, Conn.
Earlvere Angell, Williamsburg. |
| | 11. | Joseph Kalinsky, Haydenville.
Helen Gadumsky, Haydenville. |
| April | 18. | Nicklos Papageorge, Haydenville.
Stavrula Patida, Haydenville. |
| May | 8. | John Benson Fuller, Conway.
Ellen Frances Bates, Goshen. |
| | 29. | Wendell P. Clary, Williamsburg.
Gertrude E. Wade, Williamsburg. |
| June | 2. | Ernest C. Robbins, Williamsburg.
Evalena G. Sanderson, Williamsburg. |
| | 30. | Fred Mosher, Haydenville.
Mabel Scully, Northampton. |
| August | 4. | Edward L. Hyde, Williamsburg.
Bessie E. Montgomery, Williamstown. |
| | 11. | Carl P. Rustemeyer, Williamsburg.
Clara L. Hyde, Williamsburg. |
| | 21. | Raymond Smith, South Hadley.
Ethel M. Cranson, Williamsburg. |
| | 28. | Panagotis Goulakos, Haydenville.
Mary Deligiani, Haydenville. |
| September | 17. | Russell R. Brown, Williamsburg.
Maude E. Damon, Williamsburg. |
| October | 4. | Frank Golash, Jr., Easthampton.
Kalarvinia Sidlowski, Haydenville. |
| | 11. | Wilfred Allaire, Haydenville.
Madeline Barrett, Holyoke. |
| | 20. | Albert T. Mosher, Haydenville.
Lillian F. Littlefield, Northampton. |

October	25.	Antoni Norczik, Easthampton. Boleslaw Cherubin, Haydenville.
November	17.	Charles A. Ball, Williamsburg. Charlotte A. Coleman, Northampton.
	22.	Joseph Sarawin, Hatfield. Aniela Powichdowski, Haydenville.
December	11.	Philip S. Porter, Goshen. Bessie M. Lane, Williamsburg.

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1915.

DATE	NAME	AGE, YRS.	MOS.	DAYS
Jan. 19.	John Augustowski,		1	3
Jan. 22.	Victoria S. Pillinger,	70	2	15
Jan. 25.	Thomas E. McNamara,	60	3	26
Jan. 30.	Hattie O. Morton,	76	11	23
Feb. 3.	Julia Emma White,	66	2	20
Feb. 20.	Ellen A. Strong,	81	8	13
Feb. 24.	Egesta S. Black,	74	9	4
Feb. 26.	Frederick Wheeler,	2	2	
Mar. 8.	Philip J. Staab,	21	7	1
Mar. 15.	Clarence D. Loomis,	58	10	1
Mar. 21.	Eliza W. Graves,	77	10	21
Mar. 29.	Caroline E. Siskron,	64	9	2
Apr. 1.	Frank Cowing,	61	10	
Apr. 14.	Edmund P. Larkin,	57	5	26
May 15.	George B. Lawton,	76	4	25
May 29.	Chesloef Jablowski,			26
June 7.	Emerett Beckwith,	68	3	25
June 12.	Nellie May Everett,	31	5	14
June 19.	Benjamin Rising,	75	1	1
July 1.	Eugene E. Brewer,		5	
July 3.	Bridget Foran,	65	6	
July 3.	Geneva L. Graves,	53	1	10
July 4.	Emma C. Nash,	70	8	23
July 19.	Agnes M. Adams,	61	9	1

July 20.	Jane E. Cadden,	75	11	24
Sept. 16.	Eva Garrett,		5	
Sept. 19.	Catherine M. Murphy,	62	2	4
Oct. 6.	John Henry Pattee,	76	5	24
Oct. 25.	Frances N. Pomeroy,	54		24
Oct. 26.	Chester B. Hosford,	82		24
Nov. 29.	Thomas J. Lenihan,	62		25
Dec. 1.	Eugene F. Fahey,	20	7	25
Dec. 4.	Minnie L. Lawton,	39	5	2
Dec. 23.	Joseph De Bastiano,	34	6	29
Dec. 9.	Wesley Arthur Waite,			6
Dec. 24.	Ella Jane Elliott,	57	6	
Nov. 8.	Hiram Washburn Fuller,	73	7	

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. HILL,

Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG

FOR THE

Year Ending January 1, 1916



NORTHAMPTON, MASS.

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Report of School Committee

For the Year Ending January 1, 1916.

We hereby submit our annual report of the School Committee, including Music Teacher, Truant Officer, etc.

The High School has been in session forty (40) weeks and all others thirty-six (36) weeks.

The committee have been able to keep within the appropriation and have a balance of three dollars and forty-five cents, (\$3.45).

We would recommend this year, painting of some of the buildings in the out districts and ordinary repairs on all buildings to keep them in good repair.

The Committee feel justified in asking for the same appropriation this year as last and believe it will cover all expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. WARNER,

H. P. GODDARD,

H. A. SMITH.

Treasurer's Report

AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOLS.

Town Appropriation,	\$8,500 00
Collins School Fund,	820 80
Income from State School Fund,	1,154 37
Tuition of State Wards,	452 58
Boston City Wards,	279 81
Superintendents Fund,	375 00
Teachers Fund,	250 00
Refund of Dog Tax,	139 76
Income, State Aid for High School,	500 00
Tuition Town of Whately,	42 50
Chesterfield,	166 30
Worthington,	17 50
Goshen,	45 00
Night School,	34 15
E. W. Goodhue, refund,	2 15
Sale of old iron,	13 05
A. Bailey, rent of hall,	3 95
Grange, one year's rent,	35 00
J. H. Graham, rent of land,	5 00
G. H. Warner, for grass,	5 00
	<hr/> \$12,841 92

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers,	\$7,298 50
Fuel,	961 53
Books and Supplies,	601 33
Repairs,	465 22
Music,	466 35
Janitors,	814 50
Superintendent,	712 50
Transportation,	770 00
Janitors' Supplies,	104 45
Electric Current,	22 62
Sundries,	263 01
Cleaning,	41 70
Evening School,	174 26
Teachers Retirement,	141 50
	<hr/> \$12,837 47

TEACHERS.

Williamsburg High :

Edward P. Larkin, Jr.,	\$1,000 00
Anna T. Dunphy,	494 00
Mildred Pierpont,	454 00

Williamsburg Grammar :

Nellie Dolan,	412 00
Marion J. Clark,	231 00
Dorothy Bosworth,	309 00
Elsie H. Witherell,	165 00

Williamsburg Primary :

Katherine V. Riley,	430 00
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Skinsville :

Louise M. Fernald,	199 50
Elizabeth Young,	139 00

Nash Street :

Alice M. Plimpton,	358 00
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Mountain Street:

Anna A. Lucey,	\$208 00
Esther E. Johnson,	150 00

Haydenville High Grammar:

E. Clifton Witt,	450 00
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Haydenville Intermediate:

Helen G. Ryan,	419 50
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Haydenville 3rd Primary:

Mabel A. Graves,	55 00
Rena B. Taylor,	40 00
Helen T. Kennedy,	275 00

Maple Street, Haydenville:

Ethel Curry,	394 50
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Purrington:

Elizabeth Purrington,	397 00
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Haydenville 2nd Primary:

E. Lilian Curtis,	360 00
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Searsville:

Ruth Hemenway,	358 00
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\$7,298 50

MUSIC.

Grace M. Larkin,	\$434 68
Lorenze Pub. Co.,	6 00
Albert Schawber,	5 00
Oliver Ditson Co.,	2 43
Ginn & Co.,	18 24

\$466 35

REPAIRS.

H. A. Smith,	\$1 55
W. A. Metcalf,	1 50
F. W. Warner,	18 00

Bradford Lumber Co.,	\$66 52	
A. Bailey,	7 40	
R. F. Burke,	23 54	
J. J. Ball,	36 55	
Ruth V. Hemenway,	25	
Geo. H. Warner,	10 21	
Foster Farrar Co.,	23 85	
Chas. A. Ball, painting roof,	24 00	
Matthew Dolan,	4 50	
N. E. Tetro,	2 30	
P. J. Murphy,	6 10	
B. L. Dobbs,	3 90	
Wm. Chadwick,	1 80	
Holden Hardware Co.,	2 75	
Henry Danscereaue,	12 00	
Columbia School Sup. Co.,	190 88	
H. P. Goddard,	16 55	
H. E. Bradford,	8 72	
F. A. Brooks,	2 35	
	<hr/>	\$465 22

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

C. D. Loomis,	\$ 60
E. E. Babb Co.,	309 00
H. P. Goddard,	12 23
E. W. Goodhue,	59 33
Esterbrook Pen Co.,	6 60
Ginn & Co.,	28 73
Sears & Roebuck,	6 02
H. R. Huntington Co.,	28 00
Chas. E. Merrill Co.,	22 73
L. E. Knott App. Co.,	8 40
Alton L. Warner,	40
Kingsbury Box Co.,	13 90
D. C. Heath Co.,	25 00

Oval & Koster Co.,	\$13 53	
C. E. Bradley Co.,	34 63	
Milton Bradley Co.,	4 88	
Bridgman & Lyman,	1 50	
Consolidated Dry Goods Co.,	10 80	
Palmer Co.,	1 05	
Educational Press Co.,	7 00	
Silver Burdett Co.,	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$601 33

SUNDRIES.

H. A. Smith,	\$2 00	
N. E. Tel. Co.,	16 42	
Knight & Co.,	50 00	
B. Loomis,	5 00	
Graves Bros.,	12 00	
Town of Williamsburg Water,	86 00	
G. H. Warner,	11 00	
F. A. Brooks,	2 85	
O. W. Hill, Truant Officer,	2 50	
A. F. Lovering,	4 00	
E. W. Goodhue,	20 89	
Joseph Goodhue, census,	8 25	
E. P. Larkin,	44	
- Grace M. Larkin,	51	
Hammond & Hammond,	10 00	
Fannie E. Loomis,	1 15	
Mrs. Arthur Hines, rent of land,	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$263 01

FUEL.

C. B. Tower,	\$55 50
T. I. Breckenridge,	534 39
J. R. Mansfield,	266 75
Byron Loomis,	40 04

Horatio Bisbee,	\$6 88	
D. E. Clary,	22 75	
Thos. Dolan,	6 75	
Harold Knight,	7 87	
F. E. Sanderson,	9 75	
Bradford Lumber Co.,	7 00	
A. Benoit,	1 10	
W. J. Sheehan,	2 75	
	<hr/>	\$961 53

JANITORS.

A. Bailey,	\$480 00	
Henry Danscereau,	255 00	
Louise M. Fernald,	10 50	
Elizabeth Young,	7 50	
Bennie Miller,	5 00	
Ruth Hemenway,	13 00	
Elsie E. Smart,	25 50	
Alton L. Warner,	18 00	
	<hr/>	\$814 50

SUPERINTENDENT.

E. W. Goodhue,	•	\$712 50
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TRANSPORTATION.

S. A. Clark,	\$180 00	
N. St. Ry.,	300 00	
E. P. Hemenway,	185 00	
Henry Goodwin,	105 00	
	<hr/>	\$770 00

JANITORS' SUPPLIES.

R. F. Burke,	\$3 71	
H. E. Bradford,	1 72	
C. B. Dolge Co.,	25 50	

James Spear,	\$3 75	
F. A. Brooks,	70	
W. J. Sheehan,	17 07	
Chas. T. Johnson,	20 00	
Foster Farrar Co.,	1 50	
E. T. Radasch,	22 00	
A. Bailey,	50	
W. H. Riley,	2 75	
United States Envelope Co.,	5 25	
	<hr/>	\$104 45

ELECTRIC CURRENT.

Mill River Electric Light Co.,	\$22 62
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CLEANING.

G. H. Warner,	\$1 95	
Henry Danscereau,	33 75	
Elsie Smart,	5 00	
C. A. Nichols,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$41 70

• EVENING SCHOOL.

E. Clifton Witt,	\$48 75	
Elizabeth Purrington,	48 75	
H. Danscereau,	19 50	
F. W. Warner,	11 30	
E. E. Babb Co.,	20 52	
Mill River Light Co.,	22 14	
Geo. Danscereau,	2 50	
F. A. Brooks,	80	
	<hr/>	\$174 26

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee of Williamsburg:

GENTLEMEN:—

The report of your superintendent of schools herewith submitted for your approval includes generally the time between January 1, 1915 and January 1, 1916, the statistics are for the school year ending June 30, 1915.

There has been no material change in the conduct or plan of the work during the past year but an attempt to emphasize certain parts of the regular course. Throughout almost the entire time covered by this report there has been steady and regular progress of the work and the results, in most cases, satisfactory. Of course, it is not intended to say that no troubles have arisen, no fault has been found, no criticism expressed, this would be expecting too much and such a condition might well indicate lack of self-respect and appreciation of duty on the part of teachers and other school officers, the encouragement lies in the fact that those in charge of affairs have been able to meet difficulties as they arose, adjust them satisfactorily, retain the confidence of the people and prevent injury to the schools.

There are two principles of policy long adopted by the committee which have proved very wise, although the wisdom of one is much questioned in some localities the commendable and efficient work we are obtaining is, in

the opinion, of your superintendent, largely due to these principles which are:—the retention of tried and proved teachers as long as possible and the employment of resident teachers of known ability and success.

The first requires no argument to justify, the second rests upon the assumption that such persons best understand the local requirements, the character of the pupils and can adjust themselves to conditions more readily than strangers. It is sometimes urged, with reason, that we need more frequent changes for the introduction of outside influence in order to receive new life and energy and new ideas, avoid stagnation and falling into ruts, undoubtedly this is true to some extent but there is little fear of so complete self-centering as to be in danger from these, moreover for all the guards used in selection of teachers, we are sometimes mistaken and introduce incapacity and unfitness which may easily cause serious trouble, waste of energy and money, and loss of time.

Four changes were necessary in our teaching force because of resignations but we have been so fortunate in the securing of efficient instructors to fill the vacancies that there has been almost no interruption of the work in the schools affected. The course of study for the High School has been continued without change and is proving to be well adapted to the requirements. The junior high school course has met with general favor and a large class is now following it. Another assistant teacher will be needed if the number of pupils increases to any great extent as the demands of the state are emphatic about this. A very encouraging fact is that more and more pupils are coming to this school from other towns as it has established a reputation for good and thorough work, and many more would come were it possible to find convenient places in which to board. There appears to be little doubt but what the athletic drills and contests have been of much value to the pupils, while we are not able to en-

gage a director of these sports and games, yet the regular teachers have contributed their time and services so efficiently that we have made a good record in contests with organizations from other towns.

These exercises and contests are developing a spirit of manliness and womanliness, a regard for the rights of others, an appreciation of the need of law and regulations and a respect for authority; their good effect upon the physical development of the pupils is also evident. Recently twenty-five of the High School pupils who chanced to be in a room together were requested to stand and, although they had not the least hint as to the purpose, seventeen of them at once and unconsciously assumed a correct standing posture with erect bodies, shoulders well back and heads finely poised, and it was noticeable that these included many actively engaged in the athletic sports. This organized play could be extended to include most in the lower grades with profit. Rough-and-tumble plays may possibly develop muscle but it is also likely to develop other things not so desirable. It is to be regretted that the ample grounds about the Center building have not been fitted with a variety of apparatus for the use of the children in their sports and exercises as was suggested and it is hoped this will be done soon.

The out schools are smaller than usual due, in part, to the attendance of some on the Center schools. The Searsville school is the largest and has held its attendance well, also accomplished more than during previous years. The Mountain Street school is very small, having a membership of six but the work has been profitable to those children attending because of the spirit of study they have shown.

The instruction in music in charge of Miss Larkin has continued to be most satisfactory. The vocal music rendered at various public and other school entertainments

and gatherings has fully demonstrated the efficiency and good character of the teaching and supervision and the interest and pleasing progress of the pupils. The purchase of a victrola for the use of the schools by Miss Larkin has added much to the enjoyment of the pupils and made it possible for them to hear music of the best and helped to increase the appreciation of such.

The evening school held in Haydenville with Mr. Witt and Miss Purrington as teachers was largely attended, the pupils numbering seventy, and was undoubtedly a valuable and necessary adjunct of the day schools.

It affords to those unable to complete the course of the grade schools an opportunity to add much desirable knowledge to their stock, and furnishes instruction to those not acquainted with our language, customs and laws to fit themselves for intelligent and helpful citizenship.

The support of such a school permanently, if conditions warrant it, should receive the serious attention of all citizens.

Owing to the crowded conditions for a time existing in the primary grades of the Williamsburg Center school and the number of classes, it seemed best to the committee to fit one of the basement rooms for the use of two grades and this was done, Miss Bosworth the regular assistant was placed in charge, this permits of the adoption of the plan formulated some time ago and is undoubtedly wise.

Rather more children than usual have left the lower grades to enter the shops and manufactories during the present season, while this is very regrettable, it is difficult of control. The lower grades must, perforce be devoted to instruction in the fundamentals of education and much information and knowledge of particular value to the child, is in this way lost, nor can there be very much change in the curriculum since the child must possess the

ability to reason and understand these things in order to take the work done in the upper grades. In the Haydenville schools the conditions are somewhat improved by employing an extra teacher on part time who gives those intending to leave school early simple instruction in several branches of study not commonly taken in the lower grades.

Although badly handicapped by the character of the season, the unexpected departure of Mr. Edwards and the lack of organization, the annual exhibition of the School Industrial Club was a decided success. The articles exhibited were generally excellent and showed increase of scientific knowledge in their cultivation, making and preparation, and a more practical comprehension of the qualities which stand for real merit and excellence.

The exhibition which was held in the town hall was well attended by interested parents and many other citizens. The exercises of the evening were also good and the singing of the school children under the direction of Miss Larkin and the teachers added much to the attractiveness of the occasion. Agent MacDougall of the Hampshire County Farm Bureau kindly contributed his time and services for the entire day and evening, and while the expected speakers were not able to be present, all enjoyed the helpful and practical talk given by Professor Hart of the Agricultural College who very kindly consented to come almost without notice. So much has been said of the children's exhibit at the Three County Fair that little can be added. It was conceded to be, by far, the best yet given in the state and while the children of this town were handicapped by conditions existing their showing was good in all lines and nearly thirty prizes were awarded them. It is intended to have better organization this fall and more help in arranging and caring for the exhibits.

The unexpected termination of Director Edward's work in our schools was greatly regretted by all concerned. While he was obliged to work under considerable difficulty at times, it is evident that he accomplished much and this will become increasingly apparent as time passes. He secured and retained the respect and good will of teachers and pupils alike, aroused strong interest in club work and in other projects connected with household and farm work. The number of state and other prizes awarded to our boys and girls in competition with hundreds of others is indicative of the effectiveness of his services.

There were eleven in the High School graduating class in June, seven of whom are now attending college and normal schools. The graduating exercises held in assembly hall included the usual program of essays, orations, songs and speaking which were finely rendered and greatly appreciated by the large number present. The pupils of the school furnished the music for the occasion which gave evidence of careful drill on the part of Miss Larkin and interested work on the part of the pupils, the song by the Girls Glee Club was especially well received. Rev. John Willard, of Greenfield, gave the address of the evening.

There is a strong movement being made for a change in the present methods governing the distribution of the state school fund income which, if successful, should result in benefiting Williamsburg to a considerable amount. It has been rather anomalous and decidedly unfair that a town like this doing so much for its schools has received a comparatively small amount from the state. In fact, we have practically been penalized for raising by taxation and appropriating large sums for building highways and making other municipal improvements.

Your attention is called to the reports of the school physicians and music supervisor following this.

Thanking the members of the school committee, the teachers and all others who have by their interest and sympathy helped to make the work of your superintendent valuable and pleasant this report is respectfully submitted.

E. W. GOODHUE,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

Superintendent E. W. Goodhue:

DEAR SIR:—Again it is my pleasure to report on the Music in our schools.

There is a great deal more to Music than appears to the casual observer. Every child should be taught how to sing, for various reasons. Physically there is nothing better for a child than singing, and for personal pleasure music ranks first. Joining in class exercises is most excellent training for citizenship and gives a great joy of both feeling and expressing, thereby being of the very highest educational value.

When we have a subject in which we can combine work with pleasure we are indeed fortunate. Music may be classed under this heading. However, even this subject ceases to have any pleasant features when the teacher conducting the recitation lacks enthusiasm.

Therefore it behooves the teacher to vary her outline for the daily recitation. The first day the greater part of the period might be devoted to practicing the song varied with exercises in cultivating good tone production. The second day spend first part on the theory work planned for the week, giving the last part of the time to perfecting the song.

Next day may be made very interesting by inserting a little melody writing and the fourth day devote to a general review of week's work.

The fifth day a new plan of work is given out for the following week.

In this manner we do away with the monotony of singing the same song day in and day out for the entire week.

Our pupils interpret the song material quite cleverly. It is very interesting to hear the suggestions offered for Music to be used with each selection of words.

There have been a few changes in the Williamsburg schools.

Miss Riley has only two grades now, thereby giving ample time for a number of motion songs and games and for doing all the required theory work. These little folks sing very sweetly a number of pretty songs, and read splendidly exercises for these two grades, both individually and classwise.

In Miss Bosworth's school the third and fourth grades are singing two-part songs nicely and doing the theory work well.

Miss Dolan's fifth and sixth grades have a good collection of two and three part songs which it is a pleasure to hear. These children are doing theory work designed for the sixth grade.

Miss Witherell's scholars sing very prettily three-part songs such as "The Heavens Are Telling" and "Lovely Appear" and other compositions from the best composers, discussing the works and lives of these great men in connection with the singing of their compositions.

The High School chorus at Graduation last year was about the best we've ever had and the pupils were commended very highly for the manner in which they rendered each number.

Last year we gave an entertainment in Club Hall which met with as complete a success as all former entertainments.

The first part of the evening was devoted to the presentation of the "Merry Company" by the little people who judging from the enthusiasm and expressions of praise acquitted themselves admirably.

During the second part the High School Chorus sang "The Easter Message" a selection which proved their ability to continue the study of the larger and greater works of the best composers.

The proceeds from this entertainment enabled us to purchase a Victrola which has furnished a great deal of instruction and pleasure.

We also have new High School song books and are now equipped with a good variety of material.

We have organized both a Girls and Boys Glee Club this year. Both are doing good work. There are a number of splendid voices in our schools and we hope to hear of many of our pupils continuing their course in Music on entering higher institutions of learning.

In Haydenville Miss Purrington's first grade has a good collection of pretty songs and one may spend a very pleasant half-hour any day listening to these little people sing.

The second grade in charge of Miss Curry is doing excellent work both in theory and song.

Miss Curtis' school sings very sweetly a large collection of songs and exercises.

Miss Kennedy's pupils have improved greatly and are now singing two-part songs quite readily, doing accurately all the theory assigned to these respective grades.

Miss Ryan has some splendid voices in her class and the songs are rendered with praiseworthy accuracy and precision.

The grammar school pupils sing a number of three-part selections and are studying the lives of the composers and the various forms of music.

The district schools are keeping up their work in a creditable manner.

Special praise is due the Nash Street School. Both teacher and pupils have worked continually to obtain good results. Now they are singing two-part songs excellently. The work of the boys is especially good.

The interest in the Music increases each year and I am happy in feeling that I have the hearty coöperation of every pupil and teacher.

Teachers, pupils, school officials and superintendent, I thank you for your untiring efforts to make this department of our school curriculum such a marked success.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE M. LARKIN.

SCHOOL STATISTICS 1914-1915

SCHOOLS	Boys Enrolled	Girls Enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	Aggregate Attendance	Wards
Williamsburg High.....	25	39	60.40	57.41	95.03	11255.0	
Grammar	18	14	28.48	26.42	92.79	4830.0	
Intermediate	17	25	38.89	37.42	96.24	6664.5	
Primary	26	23	42.95	40.91	92.92	11021.5	4
Searsville	14	15	21.92	20.82	93.88	3697.5	
Nash Street	8	4	9.36	8.83	94.50	1550.0	3
Mountain Street	6	3	6.71	6.39	94.23	1143.5	
Skinnersville	8	5	10.36	9.74	94.09	1745.5	3
Haydensville Grammar	14	18	27.95	25.91	92.53	4614.5	1
Intermediate	28	9	31.22	29.21	93.54	5192.0	12
Fourth Primary	23	12	29.58	27.71	93.76	4912.5	5
Third Primary	19	12	23.88	23.04	96.36	4174.0	5
Second Primary	13	17	27.42	25.81	94.11	4602.0	
First Primary	24	19	36.89	34.96	94.97	6273.5	2
Totals,	243	215	396.01	374.58	94.14	71676.0	35

REPORTS OF SCHOOL PHYSICIANS.

Mr. E. W. Goodhue,

Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:—I submit herewith my annual report as School Physician.

Total number of pupils examined,	208
Number not vaccinated,	16
Number of cases of tonsils and adenoids,	12
Number of cases of Pediculosis Capitis,	13
Number of cases of poor teeth,	65

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. WHEELER, M. D.

Mr. E. W. Goodhue,

Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:—Below find my annual report of work done as School Physician.

Number of pupils examined,	198
Number of cases of adenoids and enlarged tonsils,	14
Number of cases of decayed teeth needing attention,	28
Number not vaccinated,	8

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. HAYES, M. D.

REPORT OF EAR AND EYE TESTS, SEPT. 1916.

Number of pupils tested,	407
Number found defective in eyesight,	20
Number found defective in hearing,	13
Number of parents and guardians notified,	26

GRADUATING EXERCISES OF WILLIAMSBURG HIGH SCHOOL.

Helen E. James School Building, June 24, 1915.

CLASS MOTTO—Onward Our Aim.

PROGRAM.

Song,	High School
Prayer,	Rev. John Pierpont
Salutatory,	Laura Bisbee
Class History,	Myra Frances Goodhue
Class Oration, "Onward Our Aim,"	Marion Evelyn Nash
Song,	Glee Club
Class Prophecy,	Lula Bisbee
Prophecy on Prophetess,	Sarah Pierpont
Class Wills and Grinds,	Esther Purrington
Valedictory,	Hazel Mae Damon
Address,	Rev. John Willard
Presentation of Diplomas,	Supt. E. W. Goodhue
Benediction,	Rev. Robert E. Life

CLASS OFFICERS.

President, Chester Daniels Jorgenson.

Vice President, Esther Purrington.

Secretary, Hazel Mae Damon.

Treasurer, Laura Bisbee,

COLLEGE PREPARATORY COURSE.

Hazel Mae Damon,	Lula Bisbee,
Esther Purrington,	Laura Bisbee,
Myra Frances Goodhue,	Sarah Pierpont.

GENERAL COURSE.

Marion Evelyn Nash,	Leonard Walpole,
Gladys Wells,	Fred Smiley.
Chester Jorgenson,	

HONOR LIST.

Hazel Mae Damon,	Marion Evelyn Nash,
Laura Bisbee,	Lula Bisbee.

Class Colors, Green and White.

Class Flower, Red Rose.

WILLIAMSBURG SCHOOLS.

CALENDAR 1916-1917.

1916.

September 5,—First Term begins.

October 12,—Columbus Day, Holiday.

November 30, December 1,—Thanksgiving Recess.

December 22,—First Term closes.

1917.

January 8,—Second Term begins.

February 22,—Washington's Birthday, Holiday.

March 16,—Second Term of Grade Schools closes.

March 23,—Second Term of High School closes.

April 2,—Third Term begins.

April 19,—Patriots' Day, Holiday.

May 30,—Memorial Day, Holiday.

June 8,—Third Term of Grade Schools closes.

June 29,—Third Term of High School closes.

Days to be observed with appropriate exercises.

February 12,—Lincoln's Birthday.

April 13,—Band of Mercy Day.

May 18,—Peace Day.

May 29,—Patriotic Exercises.

Arbor Day.

Teachers are expected to observe this calendar unless otherwise instructed by the School Committee or Superintendent.

If obliged to close school for an entire session or more on other than regular holidays, notify the Superintendent in advance if possible.



